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Commander 15th Recon. Tech. Sq. March Air Force Base, California

Dear Colonel Richards,

During the period of 1 October through 31 December 1963, the 15th Recommissance Technical Squadron performed a major role in testing and evaluating the March Air Force Base. The processor employs new concepts of STATOTHR liquid and air bearing film transport which eliminates all physical contact with film surfaces during the processing cycle.

Much of the test and evaluation program was accomplished during night hours and on Saturdays and Sundays. Those who participated gave their normal free time villingly towards accomplishment of an important test program and thereby upheld the fine traditions of the Air Force to pursue all assigned tasks with enthusiasm and diligence.

Application of their experience and knowledge of processing procedures to the program contributed substantially to advancing the STATOTHR art and technology of photographic film processing.

> company and members of the U. S. Photo-Both the intelligence Community wish to commend the 15th Reconnsissance Technical Squadron for a job well done and especially the following listed Officers and Airmon.

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It is requested that this letter of commendation be made a personnel record in the individual personnel files for each of the above listed personnel.

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